

12. (Amended) Apparatus for automating navigation between data with dissimilar structures including a source dataset containing one or more data elements and at least one target dataset containing one or more data elements, the apparatus comprising:

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at least one processor operable to determine at least one collection of data elements from the at least one target dataset that best matches a collection of data elements from the source dataset based on structures associated with the source dataset and the target dataset, and to compute at least one distance metric between the at least one target collection and the source collection such that a user can select the at least one target collection given the at least one computed distance metric; and
a memory coupled to the at least one processor for storing the at least one target dataset.

23. (Amended) An article of manufacture for automating navigation between data with dissimilar structures including a source dataset containing one or more data elements and at least one target dataset containing one or more data elements, comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

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determining at least one collection of data elements from the at least one target dataset that best matches a collection of data elements from the source dataset based on structures associated with the source dataset and the target dataset; and

computing at least one distance metric between the at least one target collection and the source collection such that a user can select the at least one target collection given the at least one computed distance metric.